

REMARKS

Claims 2, 8-10, 16, 17, 23-25 and 34-36 are all the claims pending in the application.

Rejection of claims 2, 8-10, 16-17, 23-25 and 34-36 under § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Landais

Claims 2, 8-10, 16-17, 23-25 and 34-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Landais (US Patent Publication No. 2002/0080758). Applicant submits the following in traversal.

Claim 2

Claim 2 recites a method of allocating packet mode resources in a mobile radio system, said method comprising, *inter alia*, a mobile station sending to the network, for signaling data transfer requirements, an EGPRS (Enhanced General Packet Radio Service) packet channel request. Applicant submits that Landais fails to disclose or suggest the above noted claim feature for at least the following reasons.

Landais cites a document 3GPP TS 04.60 V8.6.0 (2000-10) which describes the use of an EGPRS Packet Channel Request. However, this document discloses that a mobile station supporting the EGPRS Packet Channel Request sends to the network, for signaling data transfer requirements, a Packet Channel Request (i.e. not an EGPRS Packet Channel Request). Specifically, Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to page 148 of the above noted document which discloses that the EGPRS PACKET CHANNEL REQUEST message is sent by EGPRS capable MSs in cells supporting EGPRS and using 11 bit ACCESS BURST TYPE, where the EGPRS PACKET CHANNEL REQUEST message is sent to perform EGPRS one-phase access request, EGPRS short access request or EGPRS two-phase access request and for all other

purposes (page response, cell update etc.) the standard PACKET CHANNEL REQUEST message shall be used (see Section 11.2.5). That is, for signaling data transfer requirements such as page response, cell update etc., the above document clearly discloses using a Packet Channel Request and not an EGPRS Packet Channel Request. Similarly, Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to page 41 of the above noted document, which discloses the use of the standard Packet Channel Request message for signaling data transfer requirements.

The problems associated with the above noted document are recognized and explained in particular on page 8, line 17 to page 13, line 9 of the originally filed specification and such problems may be solved by providing a method of allocating packet mode resources in a mobile radio system, said method comprising: a mobile station sending to the network, for signaling data transfer requirements, an EGPRS (Enhanced General Packet Radio Service) packet channel request, including cause data specifying signaling data transfer requirements, as claimed. Furthermore, it is noted that the claimed feature has been introduced in the standard and the new versions of the document (following the above-mentioned V8.6.0 (2000-10) version).

For at least the following reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 2 is patentable.

For reasons similar to those submitted above, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 16 and 17 are also patentable.

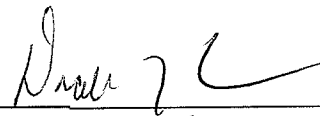
Claims 8-10, 23-25 and 34-36, which depend from claims 2, 16 or 17, are patentable at least by virtue of their dependencies.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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